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To: Interested Parties

From: Hank Hudson, Administrator
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Subject: ACF-202 TANF Caseload Reduction Report – FY 2006

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is accepting public comments on the ACF-202 TANF Caseload Reduction Report. The 30-day comment period begins with the posting of the report on the DPHHS Internet website May 26, 2006. Federal review is concurrent with the public comment period, which will end June 25, 2006.

Section 407(b)(3) of the Social Security Act (the Act) requires a reduction of the State's required participation rate for a fiscal year by the number of percentage points that the average monthly number of families receiving assistance in the State in the immediately preceding fiscal year is less than the average monthly number of families that received assistance in the State in fiscal year (FY) 1995. The statute prohibits this reduction from including any caseload declines due to requirements of Federal law or due to differences in State eligibility criteria.

To receive a caseload reduction credit, the State must complete Form ACF-202, the Caseload Reduction Report, in accordance with the regulations at 45 CFR 261.40 et seq. The FY 2006 report provides the information needed to calculate a caseload reduction credit (FY 2005 vs. FY 1995), and thus determine the participation standard the State must meet for the fiscal year.

The ACF-202 TANF Caseload Reduction Report – FY 2006 may be viewed via the Internet at <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/aboutus/divisions/humancommunityservices/tanfcaseloadreport.shtml> or a copy may be requested by calling (406) 444-4543 or writing to Linda Currie, Public Assistance Bureau, P.O. Box 202925, Helena, MT 59620.

Comments may be sent to: Sherri Dugan, Special Project Manager, Public Assistance Bureau, Human and Community Services Division, P.O. Box 202952, Helena, MT 59620; e-mail address, sdugan@mt.gov

Thank you for your interest!

ACF-202 TANF Caseload Reduction Report

- Part I – Implementation of All Eligibility Changes Made by the State Since FY 1995
- Part II – Application Denials and Case Closures, By Reason
- Part III – Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Caseload Reduction Estimates
- Part IV - Certification
- Supporting Documentation